

REMARKS

Applicants are amending their claims, prior to calculation of the filing fee, by canceling original claims 1-5 and adding new claims 6-20 to the application. In connection with claims 6-16, note, for example, the Amendment under PCT Article 19 in International (PCT) Application No. PCT/JP2004/000301, of which the above-identified application is a National Stage Application filed under 35 U.S.C. §371.

Of the enclosed newly added claims, claims 6, 11 and 12 are independent claims, claim 6 being directed to a negative electrode for a lithium secondary battery, and claims 11 and 12 reciting a graphite powder that is used in a negative electrode for a lithium secondary battery.

Claim 6 recites that the negative electrode includes a layer of a mixture containing graphite powder and an organic binder on a current collector; and newly added claims 7-9, each dependent on claim 6, defines density of the layer of the mixture or further defines the graphite powder.

Claim 10 recites a method of manufacturing the negative electrode of claim 6, including various processing steps.

Claims 11 and 12 recite that the graphite powder, used in a negative electrode for a lithium secondary battery, has a layer of a mixture containing graphite powder and an organic binder, the layer of the mixture being defined, including defining various characteristics of the graphite powder.

Claim 13-20 are directed to a lithium secondary battery comprising a negative electrode for a lithium secondary battery as, in various of the prior claims, or comprising a negative electrode which uses graphite powder as in various of the prior claims, and a positive electrode containing a lithium

compound, various of claims 13-20 reciting that the lithium compound contains at least Ni.

Entry of the present amendments, prior to calculation of the filing fee; and, subsequent thereto, examination of the above-identified application in due course, are respectfully requested.

Please charge any shortage in the fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account No. 01-2135 (Case No. 1204.46402X00) and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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